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2024728-7031453001

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Dean A. Schaefer, et al.

Serial No.: 10/664,524

Filed: September 16, 2003

For: **TUMOR ABLATION NEEDLE
WITH INDEPENDENTLY
ACTIVATED AND
INDEPENDENTLY TRAVERSING
TINES**

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) **Group Art Unit: 3739 (parent)**

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) **Examiner: Michael Peffley (parent)**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

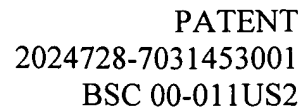
Prior to consideration of this application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment (6 pages) for the above-identified application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 50-2518, Docket No. 2024728-7031453001.

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